

you're corrupt; otherwise, you're not going to get additional money.

And at the same time, we believe we ought to foster programs aimed at the individual. And it's—and we are. We're spending a lot of money in South America. Now, we're not doing a very good job with the propaganda battle around the world. We created it, and we're losing. And that's one thing we've got to spend a lot of time on, is to make sure that the image of the United States corresponds to the realities on the ground.

Yesterday I went to a mosque—or Islamic Center in Washington, DC. It's the 50th anniversary of the Islamic Center. It was a place where Dwight Eisenhower went to dedicate, and I went to rededicate it. And my message was, one, freedom is a beautiful thing, and that we expect societies to work toward freedom, and we want to do that. And at the same time, we honor all religion. That's what we do in America. And it is really meant to counter this notion that somehow America is in war against Islam. We're not. We're at war against kill-

ers who subvert a great religion in order to achieve their political objectives. And we'll keep working as hard as we can.

Anyway, great question. Look, I've got to go. I thank you all for coming by. God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:22 a.m. at Connelly Hall. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. Donald L. Carcieri of Rhode Island; Rear Adm. Jacob L. Shuford, president, Naval War College; Gov. M. Jodi Rell of Connecticut; Gov. Mark C. Sanford, Jr., of South Carolina; Gov. Matt Blunt of Missouri; Lt. Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, USA, commander, Multi-National Corps—Iraq; Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, Minister of Defense Abd al-Qadir al-Mufriji, and Minister of the Interior Jawad al-Bulani of Iraq; President Mahmud Ahmadi-nejad of Iran; Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates; Adm. William J. "Fox" Fallon, USN, commander, U.S. Central Command; President Fidel Castro Ruz of Cuba; and former President Vaclav Havel of the Czech Republic.

## Remarks on the Senate's Failure to Pass Immigration Reform Legislation in Newport *June 28, 2007*

I thank the Members of the Senate and members of my administration who worked so hard on the border security and immigration reform bill. I'm sorry the Senate was unable to reach agreement on the bill this morning.

Legal immigration is one of the top concerns of the American people, and Congress's failure to act on it is a disappointment. The American people understand the status quo is unacceptable when it comes to our immigration laws. A lot of us worked hard to see if we couldn't find common ground, and it didn't work.

Congress really needs to prove to the American people that it can come together on hard issues. The Congress needs to work on comprehensive energy policy and good health care, making sure health care is affordable without inviting the Federal Government to run the health care system. We've got to work together to make sure we can balance this Federal budget, not overspend or raise taxes on the American people. And we've got a lot of work to do.

When they come back from the summer—from the July recess, before the summer break begins, we'll be focusing on the

appropriations process. And I look forward to working with Congress to balance our budgets and to be wise about how we spend the people's money.

Thank you for your time.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:38 p.m. in Connelly Hall at the Naval War College. In his remarks, he referred to S. 1639. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of these remarks.

## Statement on the Removal of the Bald Eagle From the List of Endangered Species

June 28, 2007

I am pleased that the bald eagle—our Nation's symbol for more than 225 years and an image of inspiration and freedom to all Americans—is now being removed from the list of endangered species.

Forty years ago, only 400 nesting pairs were living. Today, nearly 10,000 nesting pairs are thriving in the lower 48 States. This number is more than triple the recovery goal set in the Endangered Species Act.

The overwhelming success of bald eagle recovery was made possible by a strong

partnership between Federal and State governments and private landowners. The eagle will continue to flourish under Federal protection through the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

This great conservation achievement means more and more Americans across the Nation will enjoy the thrill of seeing bald eagles soar. What a wonderful way to celebrate this Fourth of July.

## Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Waiver on the Extension of Normal Trade Relations Status for Turkmenistan

June 28, 2007

*Dear Madam Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

I hereby transmit the document referred to in subsection 402(c)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, with respect to a waiver of the application of subsections 402(a) and (b) of that Act to Turkmenistan.

I report in that document my determination that such a waiver will substantially promote the objectives of section 402. I have instructed the Secretary of State to provide a copy of that determination to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate. The report also indicates that I have received assurances with respect to the emigration prac-

tices of Turkmenistan required by section 402(c)(2)(B) of the Act.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on June 29. The related Executive order and Presidential determination of June 28 are listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.